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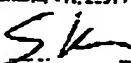
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In response to the office action mailed November 30, 2006 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks presented below is respectfully requested:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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